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ANYONE, landing in Hongkong, and residing here for any time sufficient to become acquainted with our local institutions and local requirements, must be struck by the absence of any organization which could be said to give opportunity for the expression of public opinion. Democratic institutions are now so generally diffused throughout every civilized country of any importance, and in Britain and the United States have reached such an abnormal stage of development that it is difficult, at first, to conceive of a British Colony, counting in the population a fairly large percentage of men endowed with an average amount of brain-power, being entirely without such a public body as we have indicated. The present state of affairs of matters is not British. Public meetings and platform speaking play an important part in the decision of public matters at home, and there is no reason why they should not do the same in Hongkong. It must not be supposed that this idea has not occurred to the minds of old residents who have stood by the Colony in its days of prosperity and its days of adversity, who have watched its progress almost from commencement, and who have experienced the blighting influences of red-tape administration in the hands of ill-advised and ill-equipped officials. The want of some means for giving expression to organised public opinion has long been apparent. But attempts to rectify matters have been few, and lacked sufficient support to be of any successful issue. In the case

days of the Colony it did seem likely that some form of Government similar to that

at home would be placed within the reach of the colonists; for so far back as 1841 the Parliamentary Commission reported in *adieu* 'that a share in the administration of the ordinary and local affairs of the island should be given by some system of Municipal Government to the British residents.' What was the outcome of this report does not appear, but we would think that if it was considered a necessity in 1847 that the British residents should have some system of municipal government, that necessity has not decreased in the interval. Indeed, with the vastly increased importance of the Colony and the large amount of administrative work that falls upon the civil servants, the general opinion is that there should be some delegation of work, although that at present occupies a secondary place in the consideration of the residents compared with necessity for some public body whose functions would be more original than administrative. This is forced upon us by the fact which is becoming more apparent by year. The presence of the Unofficial Members in the Legislative Council is enough. As a voting power they are useful and were it only on the ground that they with which we are thoroughly familiar do not seem to carry the same force or weight in official quarters and are accorded

son for giving the popular voice freer
expression in order that truth and

pression all over that true opinion of the public might have more im-
pulsive indication when that opinion is
contrary to the opinion of the Office
phenomena and the Colonial Office. With
the last few days symptoms have not
wanting that some popular movement
on foot having for its aim the estab-
lishment of a Ratepayers' Association or
such body. Properly constituted and
established on as wide and comprehen-
sive a basis as possible, so that it may be
from any insinuation that it does not
represent the general community, the
plenty of work at hand for a Ratepay-
ers Association, and we hope the project
soon be launched at a public meeting of
residents.

TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE 'CHINA MAIL'.]
(Via Southern Line).

OBITUARY.

SINGAPORE, March
Seyyid Ali Bin Said, Sultan of Zanzibar
died.

LOSS OF A FRENCH MAN-OF-WAR.
The French War-ship *Laboulaye* was
wrecked on the coast of Madagascar
cyclone. Twenty-two lives lost.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

PASSED SUEZ CANAL.
OUTWARD BOUND:—*Isar*, Brighton, 13; *Koromandel*, 17; *Curmay*, Agamemnon, 18; *Albatross*, 14; *Benlarly*, 17; *Canton*, *Sachism*, *Shoven Head*, *Endavour*, 21; *T. D. Smith*, 22; *Dendrochilus*, *Salacia*, *Dave*, *Cape Comino*, *Carmenthaschich*, 22.
HOMEWARD BOUND:—*Ethiopia*, *Jan*, *Glenish*, Feb. 4; *Glenish*, 7; *Adams*, 10; *Jan*, 10; *Albatross*, *methurs*, 17; *Aplyia*, 24; *Peninsular*, *Exce*, *Bushmidt*, 28.

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The *Australian Lloyd's* s. s. *Maria Teresa* left Singapore for this port yesterday afternoon.

Inspector Stanton, at the Magistrate this morning, charged twenty-four Chinese with playing in a common gambling house at No. 1 Cheong Hing Lane on the 7th inst. They were convicted by Captain Hastings, and each fined \$2, with the alternative of ten days' imprisonment.

Straw 'alips of speech' are legion, and Charles Kemble's amusing error when he was once playing *Shylock* instead of asking 'Shall I lay surry upon my polli?' has been told many a time since. Another, and it is possible better known story, is that of the soldier who on travelling his horse to prevent Richard from impeding the progress of Henry's funeral, with the remark, 'My lord, stand back, and let the coffin pass!' exclaimed in his nervousness and excitement, 'My lord, stand back, and let the person pass!'

One of the most accomplished physicians, and certainly the most eloquent medical lecturer that England has produced during the present century, was in the habit of advising young ladies to take vigorous exercise after dinner. Balls and dances were recommended by this great medical authority as admirable digestives, and it would doubtless have afforded him much satisfaction to read some statistics which have just appeared in one of our Transatlantic contemporaries, from which we learn that a young lady with a well-filled programme covers no less than eleven and a-half miles at an ordinary ball. According to this agreeable calculation, it appears that a value of average duration takes a dancer over about three-quarters of a mile; while a square dance causes her to travel about half a mile. Reckoning that she dances twelve waltzes in the night, it is obvious that she will have travelled nine miles at the close. Four square dances at half a mile apiece will take her two miles to the reckoning; 'while, continues our contemporary, the international strolling and the occasional trips to the dressing-room to repair damage and to re-arrange her complexion will augment the total distance by another half-mile. Unfortunately it is not always easy for young ladies to find opportunities for taking exercise after dinner. To meet this difficulty, Sir Thomas Watson used to advise them to play at billiards whenever it was possible. The late Lord Evelyn, who died in his ninety-fifth year, used to attribute his longevity to his habit of playing billiards for hours together upon wet days. He estimated that his ordinary game players accomplish not less than two miles every hour.

THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

The Legislative Council met this afternoon. H.E. the Governor, Sir William Robinson, presided, and there were also present: Hon. G. T. M. O'Brien, C.M.G., Colonial Secretary; Hon. W. M. G. O'Brien, Attorney General; Hon. J. H. Stewart, Registrar General; Hon. N. G. Mitchell, Inspector of Public Works; Hon. F. A. Cooper, Director of Public Works; Hon. R. Murray Rumney, Harbour Master; Hon. C. P. Olathe, Hon. Ho Kai, Hon. E. R. Bellios, Hon. J. J. Bell-Irving, and Mr. F. H. May, Acting Clerk of Councils. Absent: Hon. T. H. Whitehead.

Hon. T. H. Whitehead.—His Excellency—I may mention that, at a personal interview I accorded to the Hon. T. H. Whitehead ten days' leave of absence, in order that he might visit Tonkin.

REPORTS.—The Registrar General laid on the table the reports for 1893 of the Sanitary Surveyor, Superintendent of Fire Brigade, and Headmaster of Victoria College.

NOTICE OF MOTION.—The Registrar General gave notice that he would make the following motion at the next meeting of the Council:—

Whereas by Section 20 of Ordinance No. 11 of 1890 it is enacted that Part II of 'The Women and Girls' Protection Ordinance, 1890' should only continue in operation for a period of two years from the coming into operation of that Ordinance, or such further period or periods as might from time to time be determined by resolution of the Legislative Council;

And whereas the said Ordinance came into operation on the 6th day of April, 1891, by virtue of a Proclamation duly issued under Section 34 of said Ordinance by the Officer then administering the Government, which Proclamation was published in the Gazette of the 4th April, 1891;

And whereas it is desirable to further extend the period during which the said Part II of the said Ordinance shall be in operation,—It is this day resolved by the Legislative Council of Hongkong that Part II of 'The Women and Girls' Protection Ordinance, 1890' shall continue in operation until further notice.

THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT.—Mr. Chatter asked the questions of which he had given notice at the meeting of Council on February 8.

The Colonial Secretary—Sir, I answered these questions at the last meeting of Council as your Excellency was anxious to afford the Council, and especially the Honourable members who gave notice of the questions, the earliest possible information. As that meeting was a special meeting held with closed doors to consider the Jury List, it was arranged that the questions should be asked again in the ordinary course at the present meeting, and also should again be answered by me, so that the usual publicity should be given to the questions and answers. The answers to the questions are as follows:—

(1) What is the total amount, so far as has been ascertained to date, of the loss occasioned to the Treasury through the defalcations of A. F. Alves, late clerk and accountant there? Answer—\$59,000.

(2) Over what period of time these defalcations extended so far as is presently known? Answer—From 1888 to 1893 inclusive.

Answer—From 1888 to 1893 inclusive. (3) Was the defaulter guaranteed in any way, and, if so, how, by whom, and to what amount? Answer—No.

(4) When were the defalcations first discovered, and when were any steps taken for the arrest of the defaulter; is it a fact as stated in the newspapers that Alves was allowed time during which he was able to make away with the books and accounts incriminating him and to escape from the Colony? Answer—The local Auditor discovered two discrepancies in the accounts on the forenoon and afternoon of Saturday, 25th January. On the following Monday circumstances occurred which threw grave suspicion on Alves. There was reason to believe on the forenoon of the next day (Tuesday) that he had absconded. Steps were then immediately taken, by telegraph and otherwise, to procure his arrest. He was taken before noon on that day. The question whether he was allowed time during which he was able to make away with the books and accounts incriminating him and to escape from the Colony is ambiguous, as different meanings may be attached to the word 'allowed.' The circumstances were as I have stated and the facts are that he had time and availed himself of that to escape. Certain books are missing from the Treasury, and it is presumed he made away with them.

Mr. Chatter asked the following question of which Mr. Whitehead had given notice at the meeting on February 8:—Will the Government appoint a commission composed in the main of persons unconnected with the Government services to investigate and report publicly on the management of the Treasury department and on the circumstances connected with A. F. Alves' defalcations? The Colonial Secretary—Sir, a Commission has been appointed in connection with the Treasury defalcations. The scope of the Commission is to ascertain and report (a) the amount of the defalcations; (b) what persons or persons they have been committed; (c) what other person or persons, if any, by neglect of duty or otherwise, directly or indirectly, may have contributed thereto; and (d) the causes which rendered the defalcations possible and those that prevented their earlier detection; and also to advise what steps should be taken, in the opinion of the Commission, in order, as far as possible, to prevent the recurrence of similar defalcations and secure their prompt detection if necessary. I may mention that the Commission comprises a majority of non-officials.

WEAVER AND PIERCE BILL.—The Attorney General moved the first reading of a Bill entitled 'An Ordinance to provide means for ascertaining the amounts to be paid by way of compensation in the respect of the Wharves and Piers along the line of the Praya Reclamation, to fix the periods for the payment thereof and for other purposes in connection therewith.' He said:—I must say a few words in order to explain why I am now proposing the first reading of a Bill having a similar title to a Bill that has been passed a short time ago at the last meeting of Council. It will be in the recollection of Honourable Members that there was some dissatisfaction with the Bill in the condition it was in at the second reading, or rather it was suggested that Mr. Danby, a well-known civil engineer in this Colony, should be associated with the Director of Public Works in assessing the values, and I suggested that at the next meeting I should be able to produce that alteration to the Bill and bring a Bill forward acceptable to Honourable Members. The alteration I now propose to carry that I thought the fairest way would be to introduce the Bill again in its present form a first time. I do not propose to drop the first Bill entirely, but to let it stand over to the present, and if this Bill is passed it will be unnecessary to do so with the other. In this Bill two gentlemen are appointed, and also an umpire, and therefore it will not be necessary to have elaborate provisions for appeals, because if we have two valuers at the private Wharf and Pier in whom the private confidence, and also an umpire (whose name does not appear in the Bill but will be introduced before the Bill is finished), we will do away with a great deal of litigation; as these cases would have had to come out of the \$130,000, which would be a larger portion of it available for the compensation which the private wharf and pier owners along the line of reclamation are entitled to.

Mr. Bellios—Perhaps I am not in order, but of the principle that every labourer is worthy of his hire. His Excellency—Are you to second the Bill? Mr. Bellios—I may probably propose by seconding it. I wish to propose that the names of the valuers be included in the category of those gentlemen who come in for reclamation under this Ordinance. The Honourable Member on my right (the Director of Public Works)—His Excellency—That is a matter for the Bill Committee. Mr. Bellios—I did not know. The Colonial Secretary seconded the first reading, which was agreed to.

THE VOLUNTEER ORDINANCE.—The Attorney General moved the third reading of a Bill entitled 'An Ordinance to provide for the establishment of a Volunteer Force and to empower the Governor to raise a special force of Coast Defence Volunteers in the event of anticipated war.' He proposed the conclusion of the provision added at the last meeting enacting that the Coast Defence Volunteers should be annually inspected.

This was agreed to, and the Bill was passed finally. His Excellency—We have no further business. I propose to adjourn the Council till this day fortnight, March 22.

ROWLAND KALDOR.—A soothing, cooling, emollient milk for the skin. It prevents and removes freckles, tan, sunburn, redness and roughness of the skin, soothes and heals stings of insects, eczema, prickly heat, and all irritations, produces soft skin and a lovely delicate complexion. It is warranted free from any lead or mineral ingredients, and is perfectly harmless to the most delicate skin. Bottles 2s. 3d. and 4s. 2d. Ask for ROWLAND KALDOR, of 20, Hatton, London.

SUPREME COURT.

IN CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

(Before His Honour Mr. Fielding Clarke, Chief Justice.)

Wednesday, March 8.

THE CHARGE OF KIDNAPING.—SENTENCE ON PRISONERS.

Lo Chu Ming, who was convicted several days ago of embezzling \$37,000 the property of his employers, was brought up for sentence.

Mr. J. J. Francis, Q.C., prosecuted, and Mr. A. J. Leach defended the prisoner.

Mr. Francis—In this case I am instructed to inform the Court that a sum of \$37,100 has been recovered as part of this stolen property in Canton, leaving a balance of \$20,000.

His Lordship—Mr. Leach, have you anything to say?

Mr. Leach—No; I am not in a position to say anything.

The prisoner was asked if he had anything to say why sentence of the Court should not be passed upon him.

The prisoner—I did not make use of the money, therefore I did not repay it. The man Chan Un Chuan, who brought the action against me, is not my master. He was employed in the Fort Kwai last year, and I ask your Lordship to order him to bring all the account books of the 'On Wing' and there you will find the true facts.

His Lordship—Tell the prisoner that I do not believe that the so-called On Wing Bank was anything more than a gambling agency, and that I have no sympathy with a man who is guilty of such a crime.

I am willing to believe that the prisoner was a tool or instrument to a certain extent in the hands of other people, and that upon that consideration and also that a part of the money has been returned to the owner, I shall not sentence him to more than two years' imprisonment with hard labour.

IN APPELLATE JURISDICTION.

(Before His Honour Mr. Fielding Clarke, Chief Justice, and Mr. J. J. Francis, Q.C., Judges.)

Wednesday, March 8.

LAU CHUE AND LO HING v. INSPECTOR GENERAL OF CUSTOMS.

Mr. J. J. Francis, Q.C., instructed by Messrs. Wotton and Deacon, appeared for the appellants, and Mr. W. M. Goodman (Attorney General), instructed by Mr. A. B. Johnson (Crown Solicitor), appeared for the respondent.

The case came before the Court on an application by the appellants for leave to appeal.

Mr. Francis stated the facts of the case, from which it appeared that the appellants were convicted on 21st December last before a common gaming house at 151 Queen's Road Central on 18th December last, and fined \$500 each. The house was said to be a gaming house.

After a prolonged legal argument a resolution was allowed, the question of costs being reserved. The Attorney General was allowed fourteen days in which to notify the other side if he was to go on with the re-hearing.

PIRACY IN THE CHINA SEA.

A DARK PICTURE.

When the trio of gunboats, the *Boncher* (under the British flag), the *An-lan*, and *Sui-tung* (under the Blue Dragon) had destroyed the piratical stronghold at A-po-wan, in the Fi-tai-hoong archipelago, they proceeded to complete the work so successfully begun.

After leaving A-po-wan, the gunboats cruised back through the midst of the Fi-tai-hoong islands, keeping a sharp look out on all sides for signs of the enemy. They had steamed about three hours through intricate passages when two rakish craft, one seen and the other unseen, came into view. The *An-lan* was the first to sight them, and she gave the alarm. The *Boncher* and *Sui-tung* were immediately alerted, and the three vessels proceeded to surround the two intruders. The *An-lan* was a large junk at anchor close under the lee of Echin Island, and the other two were small boats. The *An-lan* was the first to sight them, and she gave the alarm. The *Boncher* and *Sui-tung* were immediately alerted, and the three vessels proceeded to surround the two intruders. The *An-lan* was a large junk at anchor close under the lee of Echin Island, and the other two were small boats.

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Charon Wattana	3 c	Koch	Siam.	bqe.	664	Feb.	7	Chinese
Churchatow	5 k	Butland	Brit.	bqe.	473	Dec.	24	Siemssen & Co.
Coloma	4 k	Noyes	Amer.	bqe.	814	Feb.	7	Kowloon Dock Co.
Dee, Robin	5 c	Butman	Amer.	sh.	1661	Feb.	3	Jardine, Matheson & Co.
Edvard	6 k	Colcord	Amer.	bqe.	982	Nov.	28	Captain
Elen Brower	Newell	Daw.	sh.	1916	Jan.	24	Shevan & Co.
Papa	5 b	Thoen	Brit.	bqe.	748	Jan.	17	Wieler & Co.
Velocity	Martin	Brit.	bqe.	491	Feb.	20	Chinese
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Name.	Flag and Rig.	Tons.	Guns.	H.P.	Captain.	Where at.
Alabout	Russian gunboat	800	—	—	Captain Parengoe	Nagasaki
Alect	U. S. corvette	1260	8	—	Captain W. Wright	Hongkong
Aspic	French gunboat	470	4	4 1/2	Commander Journet	Kiutiang
Bengo	Portingese gunboat	462	—	—	Captain J. J. Moreira	Matteo
Charleston	U. S. cruiser	3730	8	—	Captain Jomey	Kobe
Charleston	Italian sloop	14	0	4	Captain Olivari Cav. Antonio	Singapore
Corfint	Portingese gunboat	708	—	—	Captain H. M. Gourca	Macao
Corfint	French cruiser	2200	—	—	Captain Reault	Sasakow
Elitis	Germun gunboat	489	4	330	Captain Bandtlin	Tientsin
Innocentant	French gunboat	800	—	—	Capt. Bory	Wuhu
Koroyetz	Russian man-of-war	1200	—	—	Capt. Phil. Filisoff	Hongkong
Landseer	U. S. cruiser	2120	—	—	Capt. McCormack	Hongkong
Leipzig	Germun frigate	3700	—	—	Captain Harung	Singapore
Lion	French gunboat	460	—	—	Lieutenant Papay	
Latin	French gunboat	485	4	4 1/2	Captain Nany	Touron
Marion	U. S. corvette	1900	7	1170	Commander Gridley	Saigon
Mandjoue	Russian cruiser	1700	—	—	Captain V. Brandt	Hankow
Moscow	U. S. sloop	137	0	147 1/2	Lieut. G. Barber	Shanghai
Famiat Azova	Russian cruiser	6800	—	—	Captain Bauer	Amy
Palos	U. S. gunboat	420	0	50 1/2	Lieut. Com. Rich	Nagasaki
Petrel	U. S. gunboat	834	—	—	Lt. Com. M. R. S. Mackenzie	On a cruise
Plévier	French gunboat	543	—	4 1/2	Lieut. Commander Lapiet	Haiphong
Seine Orisida	Spanish cruiser	3000	—	—	Captain Paeguin Thanz	K'loon
Sivostol	Russian cruiser	300	—	1000	Commander Polatin	
Takout	Russian gunboat	705	—	—	Captain Chiniulsky	
Triumphante	French cruiser	4500	—	—	Capt. Borel de Brétilzel	Hongkong
Ulloa	Spanish cruiser	1130	5	1600	Captain Diaz	Shanghai
Vilars	French cruiser	2400	15	850	Captain Thonnens	Shanghai
Vincero	French gunboat	430	4	425	Commander Constolla	Shanghai
Wolf	Russian cruiser	2550	—	—	Captain Zarin	
Zabiaka.	Germun gunboat	534	6	340	Captain Hellhof	Hankow
	Russian cruiser	800	—	—	Captain Demojerow	Manila